

RESUME OF DISCUSSIONS

SUBJECT: Allocation of responsibilities for subsections of Section 45
(Health and Sanitation) NIS

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REFERRAL TO SGO NOT REQUIRED

1. The following were present:

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2. Subsequent to the 11 January 1955 discussion with Messrs.

[redacted] on this subject, [redacted] met with SGO representatives to discuss points raised at the 11 January meeting. She also met with Mr. Purves, Foreign Agriculture Service, Department of Agriculture and with Dr. Mackey of Veterinary Medicine Branch, SGO to discuss possible commitments with Agriculture for furnishing requirements on subsection B3, C2, D1a, E1 and E2 and G. Results of these latter discussions, contained in memorandum of 17 January 1955, from Chief, [redacted] to Executive/OSI were transmitted to me under memo from [redacted] 18 January 1955, copy of which is in our files.

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3. [redacted] was concerned about those cases where NIS sections had not been prepared as support to Section 45 requirements. I elaborated on this subject that the production schedule as developed by OSI, in the event OSI had coordination responsibility for this section, could take into account those areas in which supporting NIS sections were already prepared. In cases where this was not feasible, it would be necessary to lay on a formal requirement on the agency concerned. This evidently should be formalized at NIS Committee level.

4. Going to the various allocations on which questions have arisen [redacted] said that Paragraph B (Animal and Plant Life) could possibly be supported better by material from Public Health rather than Agriculture since the latter do not have capabilities for supplying this information. As to Paragraph C2 (Animal Diseases) question was raised whether this should be done by Veterinary Corps of SGO or by OSI. [redacted] indicated that Veterinary Corps do not have any responsibility for coordinating this type of information, although they had responsibility in this field.

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5. In examining all of the allocations it appeared that the following should be a responsibility of SGO rather than CIA as indicated:

a. Subsection B 3 (Animal and Plant Life) on which comment has been made in the previous paragraph.

b. Subsection C 1a and b -- In this subsection there appears to be an artificial split of responsibility; 1a being CIA's and 1b SGO. Looking at the question objectively it appears that the information on which both subsections could be based have much in common and, therefore, conclude that SGO should do the subsection.

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c. Subsection C 2 (Animal Diseases) -- There is some question whether they should not be the responsibility of the Veterinary Corps, although OSI appears to have considerable information on this topic.

d. Subsection F (Medical Care Facilities) -- Again it appears that SGO could well prepare all of that subsection since they get complete information on both military and civilian as a normal requirement from the Engineers.

6. It was agreed that OSI would prepare a list of those subsections previously enumerated for which we feel SGO should have primarily responsibility and pass this to Dr. Seltser in SGO informing him that when Army had studied the proposals we would call the full committee together to iron out these points of disagreement. In the meantime, OSI will consider production requirements and attempt to fill prospective slots to complete coordination responsibility for Section 45 at the earliest moment.

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